



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Police

Date: April 23, 2014

To: Blong Yang – Chair, Public Safety, Civil Rights and Emergency Preparedness

Referral to: Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Proceed with the Application for the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant

Recommendation: The Police Department requests approval to proceed with the application to the US Department of Justice Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program grant for a 'Community Strategies' approach to concentrated areas of crime in the Northside. The grant application is for up to \$1,000,000 over a three-year period. A Memorandum of Understanding is required with the application and will be signed by the Police Department and our Health Department and the Northside Achievement Zone grant application partners.

Previous Directives:

Department Information

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Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ____ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ____ Date _____

Financial Impact *(delete all lines not applicable to your request)*

- No financial impact
- Action is within the Business Plan

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information

The Minneapolis Police Department, in partnership with the Mayor's Office and Health Department, will be submitting a grant application under the US Department of Justice Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program on or before May 6, 2014, for up to \$1,000,000 to implement a 'Community Strategies' grant program that will focus on identifying concentrated areas of crime and other elements of neighborhood instability that support a culture of crime on the Northside. The grant will focus not only on police enforcement but also bring together a multitude of community, social service, public resources to work together to find collaborative ways to solve some of the fundamental elements that lead to the culture and opportunity for crime in the identified 'hotspot' areas. The Police Department will be the fiscal agent and will provide a program manager to facilitate the collaboration, not to dictate a direction.

The first year of the grant is dedicated to research and planning the implementation of the program that will address the multi-layers of crime in the areas jointly selected by the collaboration of partners from the police and other criminal justice representatives, neighborhood and larger community organizations, faith leaders, and the health department and other social service agencies. The following two years will be the actual implementation of the program with the full coordination of resources toward resolving issues in these neighborhoods or identifying ongoing resources to alleviate some of the secondary problems that come with some core neighborhood issues.

There will be a full analysis and evaluation of the process and program by an outside research organization from the beginning planning phase through the last day of program implementation.

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